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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. USG HAS AGREED TO SELL A SECOND BATTALION OF IMPROVED HAWKS TO THE GROC. HOWEVER, INASMUCH AS THE PROPOSED SALE EXCEEDS \$25 MILLION, LOA TO BE PREPARED BY THE US ARMY WILL HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS PURSUANT TO SECTION 36(B) OF THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT. A 20-DAY WAITING PERIOD WILL THEN ENSUE BEFORE THE LOA CAN BE
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OFFERED TO THE GROC.

2. SINCE CONGRESS WILL NOT RECONVENE UNTIL JANUARY 19, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SUBMIT LOA TO GROC BY FEBRUARY 1. DESPITE EARLIER PREOCCUPATION WITH FEBRUARY 1 DATE, IT APPEARS CURRENT PRICING WILL REMAIN STABLE THROUGH MARCH 1976 AND, IN ANY EVENT, THE FINAL FIRM PRICE OF THE IMPROVED HAWKS WILL BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION. US ARMY BEING ENCOURAGED TO HAVE LOA PREPARED IN TIME FOR SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS BY

JANUARY 19. THE LOA WILL CONTAIN A NOTE STATING THAT A LACK OF US TRAINING CAPABILITY IN THE NEAR FUTURE WILL DELAY TRAINING ON THE IMPROVED HAWK SYSTEM. KISSINGER

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